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SUBJ: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
DEBATED AFGHANISTAN

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1. SUMMARY: AT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S  
POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, JENKINS REVIEWED THE ACTIONS  
TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION AGAINST THE USSR AND STRONGLY  
SUPPORTED U.S. HE ANTICIPATED NO SUFFER EXPORTS TO USSR  
IN NEAR FUTURE. EURO-MPS REACTION WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE,  
ALTHOUGH SOME QUESTIONED WISDOM OF ALIGNING EC POLICY  
"TOO CLOSELY" TO THAT OF U.S. GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS THAT  
EUROPE SHOULD DEVELOP ITS OWN POLICY WHICH PURSUES DETENTE  
BUT MAKES CLEAR TO SOVIETS THAT PRESENT BREAK RESTS ON  
THEIR SHOULDERS. MEETING BROUGHT OUT EURO-MPS  
FRUSTRATION OVER COMMUNITY'S LIMITED CAPACITY TO ACT AS A  
COMMUNITY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A FORCEFUL STATEMENT TO EP'S POLITICAL AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE IN BRUSSELS JANUARY 31, EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT  
JENKINS REVIEWED THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE EC IN RESPONSE  
TO THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. JENKINS REMINDED  
THE EURO-MPS THAT UNLIKE THE US-USSR GRAIN ACCORD, THE  
EC DOES NOT HAVE A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH CAN SERVE  
AS A "BENCHMARK." EC EXPORTS, HE SAID, INCLUDE SEVERAL  
DIFFERENT CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS WHOSE VOLUME HAS  
VARIED GREATLY IN RECENT YEARS. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT  
THE COMMISSION HAS THE NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS TO MONITOR EC  
EXPORTS TO THE SOVIET UNION AND TO KEEP THEM WITHIN  
LIMITS. THESE "ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES WILL BE KEPT  
UNDER REVIEW AND ADAPTED AS THE SITUATION DEMANDS." HE  
EMPHASIZED THAT "UNTIL THE SOVIET AGGRESSION IN  
AFGHANISTAN IS ENDED, EC EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE  
TO THE USSR WILL NOT EXCEED WHAT HE JUDGE TO BE  
TRADITIONAL QUANTITIES. IN NO CASE WILL THERE BE LARGE  
EXPORT DEALS AT SPECIAL PRICES OF THE TYPE WHICH HAPPENED  
IN 1973, AND THE EC WILL ENSURE THAT SALES ARE MADE IN  
CONTROLLED QUANTITIES AND AT REALISTIC PRICES." HE ALSO  
NOTED THERE "WILL NO LONGER BE EXPORT RESTITUTIONS  
FOR FRESH BUTTER TO THE USSR, BUT A SYSTEM OF EXPORT  
TENDERS FOR STOCKPILE BUTTER." HE ANTICIPATED "NO EXPORTS  
OF BUTTER TO THE SOVIET UNION IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

(COMMENT: RESTITUTIONS ON EXPORTS TO EASTERN EUROPE ARE  
ALSO TO BE ELIMINATED.)

3. REFERRING TO HIS RECENT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER  
AND OTHER US OFFICIALS, JENKINS NOTED THAT THE US  
"EXPRESSED SATISFACTION" WITH EC ACTIONS SO FAR, BUT ALSO  
THAT IT CONSIDER FURTHER STEPS, NOTABLY IN "GRANTING  
OF OFFICIAL EXPORT CREDITS." ON LICENSING OF HIGH

TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS, JENKINS SAID THE COMMISSION WAS  
WAITING FOR THE US REVIEW TO SEE IF THE COOPERATION WILL  
BE CONFINED TO EQUIPMENT ON THE SOCOM LIST OR WOULD BE  
EXTENDED. JENKINS FURTHER OBSERVED THAT THE US  
"NATURALLY LOOKS TO THE EC FOR POLITICAL, MORAL AND  
PRACTICAL SUPPORT." HE ADDED THAT "WHILE SHARING THE SAME  
VIEW OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE USSR ACTION, THE EC  
NEVERTHELESS HAS A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW WHEN  
IT COMES TO THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF SOME ASPECTS OF  
OUR POLICY." IN THIS CONTEXT, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE EC  
WAS REEVALUATING ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH THIRD WORLD  
COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THEIR ABILITY  
TO MEET THE SOVIET CHALLENGE. HE CITED TURKEY, YUGOSLAVIA,  
ASEAN AND INDIA AND PAKISTAN AS PRIME AREAS WHERE EC  
COOPERATION SHOULD BE REINFORCED. HE CONCLUDED BY  
SAYING THE EC NEEDED (A) COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY AND  
COHESION; (B) NOT TO ALLOW A WEDGE TO BE DRIVEN BETWEEN  
THE EC AND THE US; AND (C) NOT TO LET THE SOVIET UNION  
BELIEVE THINGS WILL NOT CHANGE BUT TO "MAKE IT CLEAR THAT  
ECONOMIC COOPERATION DEPENDS ON MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, WHICH  
THEIR ACTION UNDERMINED."

4. IN GENERAL, THE EURO-MPS SUPPORTED THE STAND TAKEN  
BY THE COMMISSION BUT DIFFERED ON ITS ADEQUATENESS.  
SPEAKING FOR THE SOCIALISTS, WILLY BRANDT TENDED TO BE  
SKEPTICAL OF THE EFFICACY OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS,  
PARTICULARLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, AS WAS  
DELAHAYE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE GUALLISTS. EXCEPT  
FOR THE FRENCH COMMUNIST MP WHO MERELY REITERATED HIS  
PARTY'S POSITION, ALL SPEAKERS AGAIN CONDEMNED THE  
AGGRESSION AND URGED A REINFORCEMENT OF THE EC'S  
RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. AS DURING THE  
JANUARY PLENARY DEBATE (REF A), THE EURO-MPS DIFFERED ON  
THE BEST WAY TO RESPOND TO THE SOVIETS. SOME URGED

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PURSUIT OF DETENTE THROUGH DIALOGUE, WHILE OTHERS MAINTAINED THAT DIALOGUE SHOULD BE COUPLED WITH STIFF MEASURES. THERE WAS STRONG CRITICISM OF FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE US FROM THE GAULLISTS. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL VIEW WAS THAT EUROPE SHOULD SUPPORT THE US BUT ON AN INDEPENDENT BASIS. TO DO SO, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE EC TO DEVELOP A COMMON POLICY WHICH IS MORE ACTIVE RATHER THAN REACTIVE OR DEFENSIVE. SUCH A POLICY SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LONGER TERM RATHER THAN THE IMMEDIATE SHORT TERM.

5. IN REPLY TO THE CRITICISM OF TAGGING ALONG BEHIND THE US, JENKINS SAID IT WAS NOT A MATTER OF FOLLOWING THE US BUT RECOGNIZING THAT THE US HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE. HIS REJOINDER THAT "IT WOULD BE A PERVERSE REACTION WHEN THE WORLD HAS BECOME MORE DANGEROUS TO SEPARATE OURSELVES FROM THE US" WAS ROUNDLY APPLAUDED.

6. COMMENT: THE FRUSTRATION OF THE EURO-MPS WAS PERHAPS BEST EXPRESSED BY BELGIAN MP NOTHOMB (EPP) WHO TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THE VERY LIMITED COMMUNITY RESPONSE WAS AN ACCURATE MEASUREMENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S CAPACITY TO ACT AS AN ENTITY AND THE PARLIAMENT SHOULD WORK TO EXPAND THIS CAPACITY.  
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